**Welcomed and Wanted**  
*By Dr. Michael Bos*

Ok, I’ll admit it. We’re those crazy dog owners people talk about. Our little Gracie has raincoats and winter coats, and she sleeps in pajamas. She eats out of a little crystal bowl and has a bed shaped like a crown. I know all this seems over-the-top for a dog (and probably is!), but there is a reason she holds such a special place in our lives.

When we first got Gracie, I worked hard to train her that after being left home alone, she is not to get excited when we return and walk through the door. Cesar Milan, the Dog Whisperer, said it is a sign of anxiety, and since he was my go-to guy for training, I made it my goal to have her meet us at the door and sit quietly when we enter.

This proved to be a difficult task. Every time I returned home, I would give her the “sit” command, and she would completely ignore it while spinning, wiggling and snorting with excitement (and she was adorable while doing it!). One day I mentioned this problem to another dog owner, to which she replied, “I spend so much money on my dogs, they better be happy to see me when I walk through that door!”

That day we decided to embrace Gracie’s excitement rather than try to suppress it, and I’m so glad we did. Now when I come home, I can’t wait to open the door and hear her little paws scrambling to get to the door to meet me. And what I love most is that her welcome is more than permission to enter our home. She lets me know I’m wanted there.

I think this is what we all yearn for in life. We yearn for a place where “everyone is welcome” means more than permission to be there. It means we are truly wanted there. This is why scripture tells us, “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you” (Romans 15:7). This means we are to extend a radical, exuberant, “we want you here” kind of welcome to people. It is only when people experience this that they know they have found a place to call home, and everyone needs a home.

At the heart of what it means to be a community of faith is to always, and in all ways, offer this kind of welcome. I am so thankful that Marble is such an incredibly welcoming community, and may God continue to grow our capacity to welcome more and more people who are searching for a place to call home.

P.S. I know many of you are just as crazy about your pets as I am, so I hope you join us for the **Blessings of the Animals on Sunday, October 6** — and invite your friends, too!

---

**DR. FLORENCE PERT LEGACY**  
*Sunday, November 24*

Join us as we honor Dr. Florence Pert. She was the first woman ordained in the Collegiate Churches of New York in 1987, the first woman to preach from the pulpit of Marble Church, and became Senior Associate Minister and Senior Associate Minister Emerita until her death in 2008. We’ll hang a beautiful portrait of her and celebrate at a Reception in the Labyrinth Room after 11:00am Worship.
A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE MINISTER

FAITH WITHIN
By Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.

25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. 26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all she had and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 for she said within herself, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” 29 Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. – Isaiah 43:1-2

Recently a man from our congregation approached me in the Marble Loft during Coffee Hour. He said he had a question for me. Choking back tears, he said, “We’re talking a lot about having faith in God, and I have that. But what if you don’t have faith in yourself? How do I develop faith in myself?”

I listened to part of his story of seeking, searching, believing and still being pulled down by this nagging feeling of not being enough – not smart enough, not rich enough – just not enough.

I pondered this man’s story and found myself reflecting deeply on his words. Isn’t that part of so many of our stories? Finding it easier to believe in something we perceive as outside of ourselves, than believing in ourselves from deep within?

His story took me to the scriptures and the story of the hemorrhaging woman. Consider the incredible courage this woman had to step forward and touch Jesus’ garment. She, a hemorrhaging woman, who would have been considered unclean by the society in which she lived. She who had no social standing, is unnamed in the text and was probably an outcast because of her condition. Consider both her courage and also the faith she had in herself to be able to step forward and touch the hem of a rabbi’s garment, believing that if she just touched it, she would be healed.

Where did she get such strong faith within? It might have been desperation. But it also might have been a deep hope she had within herself that if she took a courageous step forward, and did a courageous act, her life might be changed. She took that first, courageous step. And her life was changed forever.

Sometimes we have to live into what we want to be. We have to take that one bold step forward and live our way into becoming all God has created us to be. In verse 28 the hemorrhaging woman said within herself, “if I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

God has created each of us to be strong, courageous people of deep faith within. Lay claim to God’s promises and presence with you! Let that presence sink deep into your life and heart so a deep well of faith within you can be drawn from when life’s greatest challenges come your way. Take courage and think of the bold hemorrhaging woman who lived her way into a miracle happening in her life.

One step forward...can change everything.

In the Marble Spotlight

OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK
Saturday, October 19 | 12:00-4:00pm
Marble opens our doors again as a part of Open House New York (ohny.org), a celebration of architecture and the city. From the spire to the details of the interior, featuring beautiful stained glass windows, Marble is a treasure worth exploring. Join us for guided or self-guided tours.

BAKE SALE
Sunday, October 20 | After Worship
Buy some tasty treats during Coffee Hour to help the Women’s Ministry and CYF Trick or Treat for UNICEF in support of the world’s children who struggle to receive life’s basic necessities. In the Marble Loft (next door, 274 5th Ave).
ALL-CHURCH COSTUME PARTY
Saturday, October 26
1:00 – 4:00pm
Join the Marble Family for a spooky day of fun, food, and prizes. Children and adults are encouraged to dress in costume. Prizes will be given for a variety of costume types! In the Marble Loft. $10 per person; family discounts available. Please register in advance, at MarbleChurch.org or contact Jessica Scovel (JScovel@MarbleChurch.org).

ALL-CHURCH HALLOWTIDE DINNER & CONCERT
Wednesday, October 30
Dinner, 5:45pm, Concert, 7:30pm
The Marble Women’s and Music Ministries invite you to the annual Hallowtide evening during which we will honor loved ones who are now joined with God.

Over dinner in the Marble Loft, we will share stories of those Saints. Afterwards, The Marble Choir under the direction of Kenneth Dake presents a concert of glorious music, Life after Life: Remembering Our Saints. During the concert, visual images of loved ones will be shown as we celebrate their lives.

Everyone is invited to submit a digital or hard-copy photo of one who has served as a particularly significant Saint in your life to be projected at the concert, (limit to two photos, please). Also, see the Altar of Remembrance below. Memorial cards will also be available for you to write names of loved ones you wish to honor who have no photo.

Dinner & Concert: $25; Concert only: $15 in advance/$20 at the door; Seniors, $15. Register at MarbleChurch.org or at the Women’s Ministry Table during Coffee Hour.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE
October 27 – November 10
An Altar of Remembrance returns to the Chapel to place photos, art, and symbolic tokens in memory of those dear to you who have passed on. Memorial cards will also be available for you to write names of loved ones you wish to honor who have no photo.

Please leave photos at the Reception Desk (1 W. 29th St. lobby), to the attention of Don Piper. To have your photo returned, please write your name and address clearly on the back. Photos will be available at Marble Reception for pickup beginning Tuesday, November 12. (If photos are particularly sentimental or delicate, photocopies are strongly encouraged.)

GRATITUDE CELEBRATIONS
Sunday, November 10 / 11:00am
Wednesday, November 13 / 6:15pm
Please join us for this time when we can come together in worship and fellowship around our deep gratitude to God and our spiritual home, Marble Church. The Celebration Receptions will be catered events so we will need reservations for each person. On Sunday, November 10, the party will be held at the Prince George Ballroom on 28th St. (5th & Madison). On Wednesday, November 13, it will be held in the Marble Loft (274 5th Ave.). Both celebrations will immediately follow Worship. We look forward to your joining us for our Gratitude Celebrations and to making your commitment to God. It is a chance for us to celebrate what it means to be a part of our community of faith.

Watch your mailbox or visit MarbleChurch.org for more details. Please see page 6 for Mike Thurlow’s reflections on gratitude.

SAVE THE DATE
ADVENT CONCERT
Sunday, December 15 | 2:30pm
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices and chamber orchestra, directed by Kenneth Dake. Stay tuned to MarbleChurch.org for details.

MEMBERSHIP AT MARBLE
Join the Marble family! Become a member this October. You’ll be so glad you did. For more information, please look for one of our Membership Team, someone wearing a red carnation, after Worship in the Sanctuary to right of Chancel, next door in the Marble Loft during Coffee Hour or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan (KRyan@MarbleChurch.org). Online Membership also available.

SCHEDULE
Sunday, October 6 | 12:15-1:30pm
Orientation with Ministers and Staff
We skip Columbus Day weekend due to the holiday.
Sunday, October 20 | 12:15-1:30pm
Connecting Lunch with Ministers, Elders, Deacons and Staff
Sunday, October 27 | 10:30am-1:15pm
Reception of New Members during Worship
WHY GRATITUDE IS SO IMPORTANT
By Mike Thurlow

Last year, Marble started a journey of exploring a new way to view how we give, and give back, to this incredible congregation that means so much to so many people, both here in New York City, and around the world. That journey culminated in our Gratitude Sunday Worship and Reception on November 18. I began that journey much earlier as a member of the Stewardship Team who helped those events come to life.

This year, I am excited to be back and to help co-lead this Team with Greg Lozier.

I am also excited to continue my own journey of thinking about, and re-thinking, why and how I give. Many recent studies have concluded that people who focus on being grateful and having gratitude for the people and important things in their life are generally happier people. I believe this and I try to embody this on a daily basis. Because of my daily gratitude practice, among other things, including more regular exercise, I believe that I am a happier person.

My daily gratitude practice is this: every morning, when I wake up, I take a minute and think of 3 things that I am grateful for and why I am grateful for them. For instance, I might wake up and be grateful for a bed to sleep on, a roof over my head, and a family who loves me. Anyone who walks in New York City is constantly reminded that two, if not all three, of those things are so important to be grateful for.

Another thing that I am constantly grateful for is the Marble Collegiate Church Community. I am grateful for all of the members that I have met and all of the ones that I haven’t yet met. Marble is such a loving, compassionate, and welcoming place. So why and how do I give back to Marble?

The why is easy for me to answer: I have never before experienced the acceptance of a community like this one in my life.

The how and the how much is another step in my personal spiritual journey. The process we went through last year thinking about if I could give more based upon the gifts that God has given to me and my grateful response for those gifts, was a shift in my thinking about giving, but one that ended up feeling so natural. Giving can (and maybe should) come from a spiritual place and my hope for this year’s Gratitude Celebrations is that each member of the Marble Community thinks more about what gifts they have been given by God and what their grateful response will be for the coming year in giving their time, treasure, and talent to this wonderful place called Marble Collegiate Church.

If you would like some assistance in coming up with your own Gratitude Practice for yourself or for your family, please feel free to reach out to me, MThurlow@MarbleChurch.org.
MINISTERIAL MUSINGS
AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM
By Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
“…and a little child shall lead them.” — Isaiah 11:6

One Saturday in 1996, the children’s choir director from my church arranged for our choir to perform at the assisted living facility across the street from the church. I was so excited about this performance because I loved singing and the idea of performing in front of a new audience was right up my alley. We sang songs like, “Shake the Devil Off”, and we were met with much applause.

After our performance we hugged the residents and sat with them for a while, listening to their stories. The longer we sat with the residents, the more uncomfortable I became. I felt a deep sadness that I couldn’t articulate at the time. As we were leaving, I saw a frail woman sitting near the door alone. My six-year-old self not quite understanding boundaries, ran to her wheelchair and jumped in her lap. I put my head on her shoulder and hugged her tightly. With tears in my eyes I said, “God loves you and I’m really sorry you’re sick.” My Sunday School teacher hurried toward me. I think she sensed a meltdown on the horizon and we left.

As we walked back to the church I vowed to NEVER wash my hands again because I never wanted to forget the residents, especially the woman sitting by the door. When we made it back to the church the director told us to wash our hands and my little heart broke. The meltdown she sensed had arrived and I was inconsolable. In my mind, washing my hands meant I thought the residents were dirty or bad and I really didn’t want Jesus to be angry with me for forgetting about them. My director sat with me and wiped my tears. She said, “Never lose your heart, Brittany. You’ve shown me Jesus today.”

Well, I never forgot about those residents and I continue to carry that sacred day in my heart. As I sit here writing this account 23 years later, I think I better understand my discomfort when I washed my hands after that performance. I was uncomfortable washing my hands because so often people who are suffering or in pain are overlooked and ignored by society. My youthful hope saw the deep pain in their eyes and my heart broke open for them.

Children have a lot to teach us about compassion, kindness, love, humility, hope and so much more. The faith formation of children and youth is very important to me because many of my deepest convictions were formed during childhood with the support of my church community. So, when you see children and youth here at Marble, look for the hope in their eyes and feel the love in their hearts because just like my director, you might see Jesus.

GIVING BACK THROUGH PRAYER
MARBLE PRAYER MINISTRY AND LABYRINTH VOLUNTEERS

Prayer is an important way we build community and strengthen our individual relationship with God. We invite newcomers to participate in this important ministry at Marble.

The Marble Prayer Ministry meets monthly and prays for the needs of members of the community, which are received through the Marble website, phone calls, direct emails and prayer cards. Prayer Team members also pray with people on Sundays in the Prayer Room after Worship and we sponsor Prayer Intreats and the annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil.

You can also be trained as a Labyrinth docent to help lead Labyrinth walks on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm, and the first Sunday of every month, 1:00-3:00pm. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, please contact Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Mondays, October 7 & 21; November 4 & 18
4:30-5:30pm

Join us for this very special ministry where we gather for a time of fellowship, prayer and creating together as we knit/crochet prayer shawls for ill/homebound members. We bless each completed shawl before it is given to someone in need. All levels welcome! Materials provided. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in Peale Parlor. Contact Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).

Starting in November (with end of Daylight Saving Time), we will meet 4:00-5:00pm.
Reflections from the Editor

By Karla Fritsch

In June, I gifted myself “semicolon heart” earrings. As a writer/editor, I thought it’d be cool to have punctuation jewelry. However, what really drew me to them was that the design stood for, “my story isn’t over yet.” That resonated deeply.

Later, I learned about Marble’s Suicide Prevention Awareness ribbons with tags including the semicolon symbol. Project Semicolon explains, “a semicolon is used when an author chooses to not end a sentence; you are the author and the sentence is your life.” Dots from my past were connecting to dots of my present.

I was decades away from the edge that I teetered on for much too long, yet when I saw the ribbons, the echo of painful emotions rose to the surface from my core, feeling strangely fresh.

My battle with depression began when I was 15, after my dad died. At the time, I didn’t know it was depression, and of course, at first there was grief mixed in with all the emotions of adolescence. I hated myself, journaled that I wanted to die, but I wasn’t really suicidal. Until later.

On one hand, I knew how blessed I was – I had a loving family, wonderful friends, got good grades, I had talents and opportunities to use them… Yet the deep pain kept growing. When I was in college it became unbearable. I wanted it to end. I wanted to end.

Despite the pain and the on-going thoughts of ending it all, I was good at wearing a smiling mask, acting like everything was ok. It became harder to hide when I couldn’t get myself to classes and eventually dropped out of college. Then the positive thinker in me would rise again, “I can do this, I can graduate, I can live my life.” Dots that split second turn of the steering wheel.

As the years went by, somehow I connected enough dots that although the depression remained, the suicidal thoughts and almost acting on them started to fade. I graduated from college. I was rebuilding my life, experiencing true joy again. Eventually, I moved to NYC, a longtime dream that had been another dot above me. I found a church home and job at Marble and started creating my NYC family of friends. I made it to age 29. I’d survived.

Not so fast.

Although I was experiencing so many blessings during my early years in NYC, the darkness started closing in again. I dusted off the smiling mask and on it went. One day I had a scary flash vision, including people saying, “Oh my God, we didn’t know anything was wrong!” Thankfully, I had another dot to pull me up – I went to Dr. Rob Williams (former Associate Minister, my supervisor and my spiritual director) and told him I needed help.

For years now, the suicidal thoughts have been gone and I’ve only had the usual emotional ups and downs of human life. It’s been a hard journey, yet with the help of professionals and surrounding myself with people with whom I felt safe enough to drop the mask – dot by dot by dot… a path was built that led me out of the darkness.

Are you facing the darkness? Look for those dots in your life. Reach out. Hold on to that semicolon. Your story isn’t over, either!

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE
Suicide Prevention Awareness

Purple and turquoise ribbons, the defining colors of the suicide awareness movement, adorn Marble’s fence. Nearly 800,000 people die by suicide in the world each year, which is roughly one death every 40 seconds. We encourage you to write a tag of your own to honor someone who you have lost, someone who has survived or is struggling, or to offer a prayer for the hundreds of thousands who lose their lives each year due to this epidemic. Tags/pens available from receptionist at 1 W. 29th St.

If you are struggling or know someone who is, please reach out.
Marble’s 10:00am Bible Study is in full swing! This casual, come-as-you-can forum is open to all, first-timers and newcomers especially. Come for the stimulating conversation – or for the free, light breakfast.

Meets in the Labyrinth Room (1 W. 29th St, downstairs). Remember to visit MarbleChurch.org to live stream if you can’t attend in person or to catch up if you miss a session.

**Bible Study**
SUNDAYS AT 10AM
**Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time**
*October 6, 13, 20 & 27*
*Who do you say that I am?* This is among the most arresting questions Jesus asks. Who is Jesus to you? What does he mean to you? In this series, we will wrestle anew with this question, combing the four gospels and comparing and contrasting them. Led by Rev. Anthony Livolsi

**Pondering the Parables**
*November 3, 10, 17 & 24*
*Come, ponder the probing, sometimes pointed and provocative, always penetrating parables of Jesus.* Special guest Sister Carol Perry will present on November 10 and 17. Join us as we tease out new meanings from these wonderful, challenging teachings.

*Remember to visit MarbleChurch.org to live stream if you can’t attend in person or to catch up if you miss a session.***

**Deep Dive Bible Study**
TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM
Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi for a deep, searching read-through of 2 Samuel. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome! Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week’s reading, (ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org). In the Labyrinth Room.

**Prayer Circle**
SUNDAYS AT 10AM
This informal gathering centers on prayer for individual and communal concerns, Scripture reading, hymn singing and Holy Communion. In the Chapel (1 W. 29th St, downstairs). The Circle is always open – all are welcome!

On the last Sunday of the month, connect with Prayer Circle from around the world via https://meeting.broadviewnet.com/j/1126517182 to access video conference. Questions? Contact Siobhan Tull (STull@MarbleChurch.org).

---

**Small Groups**
If you love coming to church but sometimes find yourself getting lost in the crowd, or if you yearn for a deeper connection with the people you see on Sundays – then our Small Groups are for you! We encourage you to consider participating. Here are three groups beginning in October:

**Wearing God:** Thursdays, beginning October 3, 6:30-8:00pm; also ONLINE, Mondays, beginning October 21, 12:00-1:00pm (Co-sponsored by Marble Women’s Ministry)

**LGBTQ & Christian:** Sundays, beginning October 13, 12:30-1:45pm (Co-sponsored by GIFTS)

To learn more and sign-up, stop by the Small Group Table during Coffee Hour on Sundays after Worship, contact Baleta McKenzie (BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org), or visit MarbleChurch.org.

---

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**
Mondays | 11:00am-12:15pm
Are you experiencing the loss of a loved one? Grief has no expiration date. Any significant loss changes life forever. All are welcome to participate in an understanding and supportive community to share your personal story in a confidential atmosphere of love and faith. Meets in Peale Parlor (enter at 1 W. 29th St). If you’re interested in attending, please sign up with Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org; 212-666-2770, ext. 207).

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**
First Saturday of Month | 1:00-3:00pm
Learn how to provide better care to loved ones while protecting your own health and well-being. Please contact group leader Rev. Marion Gambardella (magambardella@yahoo.com) or Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).
In the Action Spotlight

HELP MARBLE FIGHT HUNGER – BRING A CAN SUNDAYS
Through October

Although we encourage you to help us fight hunger throughout the year, every October we focus our efforts. On average 1.5 million New York City residents, 1 in 4 of which are children, live in households facing food insecurity. Please donate canned/bottled foods (only) for Icahn House. Leave food at the 29th Street Reception area, the Fifth Ave Narthex or the Marble Loft. Monetary Donations – Make checks payable to Marble Collegiate Church; write “Marble Fights Hunger” in memo. Please mail to the attention of Tom Schneider, place in offering plate, or stop by the Action Table Sundays during Coffee Hour.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP
Saturdays, October 12 & November 9
Help work on a home for a low-income family. No experience necessary. To volunteer, please visit the Action Table during Coffee Hour or contact Susanah Wade (SWade@MarbleChurch.org) or Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org).

THANKSGIVING PROJECTS
Popular events, sign up early! Ask Tom Schneider for other opportunities, here are some options:

Project FIND
Thanksgiving Day, November 28
9:30am-12:00pm
Drivers and escorts are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors and the homeless.

Gobble Gobble Give
Thanksgiving Day, November 28
9:00am-12:00pm
Volunteers box warm food, sort donations, and then give care packages to shelters, retirement homes, and families all over the 5 boroughs. Cost of admission is at least one casserole-sized prepared dish. At the Church of the Intercession, 550 W. 155th St. For details and to register, go to gggnyc.org or email, gobblegobblegivenyc@gmail.com.

Thousand Turkey Challenge
Each year, West Side Campaign Against Hunger challenges individuals and families across NYC to collect and donate at least 1,000 frozen turkeys for low-income families. Get involved:
• Bring a Turkey (for location and hours, email turkeys@wscah.org or call 212-362-3662, ext. 127)
• Buy a Turkey (donate at wscah.org)
• Text a Turkey (text TURKEY to 56512)

Action Volunteers - Ways You Can Serve
If you don’t see what’s right for you listed here, stop at the Action Volunteer Table on Sundays during Coffee Hour to talk with a committee member or contact Tom Schneider (TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org), for more ideas and referrals to organizations that are in need of volunteers. To receive notice of serving opportunities by email, “Action Alerts,” contact Tom.

Bowery Mission
Saturday, October 12 | 5:30-7:30pm
Join other Marble members as we serve dinner to the homeless. The Bowery Mission provides more than 1,000 meals per day to poor and homeless men, women, and children.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Saturday, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18
Please see page 6.

Ecclesia Ministry
Sundays, October 13 & November 10
Volunteers are needed to help with this worshiping congregation for the homeless in Madison Square Park. Prepare lunches, 10:00-10:30am; and/or transport lunches at 1:30pm and host the service which begins at 2:00pm.

WeWo Visuals Ministry — Volunteer to help with the projected visuals during Worship, approximately one Wednesday a month, contact Jennifer Clover (JClover@MarbleChurch.org).
Program Ministries

Keep up with our different Program Ministries by visiting their pages at MarbleChurch.org and attending Coffee Hour after Worship.

**Arts Ministry**
We’re excited about the inaugural event of *The Theatre Upstairs – downstairs @marble* on Thursday, October 17. See page 11 and MarbleChurch.org for details. Contact Mario Sprouse (MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org).

**GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship**
All LGBTQ and Allies invited to our Coffee Hours on Sundays, October 20 & November 17. Our Intreat, *A Journey to Adulthood*, is on Saturday, October 26. See page 11 and MarbleChurch.org for details. Contact Don Piper (DPiper@MarbleChurch.org) or Rev. Anthony Livolsi (ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org).

**PrimeTime (55+) Fellowship**
All welcome to join us for outings on October 12 and November 6, and our Wednesday lunch programs: Learning Lunch on October 2, Sr. Carol Perry on October 23, and Thanksgiving celebration on November 20. For details, contact Baleta McKenzie (BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

**Women’s Ministry**
Our annual Hallowtide dinner will be Wednesday, October 30, followed by a concert. We have a special Film Night on Thursday, November 14. We’re also co-sponsoring a Small Group that begins October 3. Questions? Visit our Table during Coffee Hour or contact Don Piper (DPiper@MarbleChurch.org).

**Young Adult Ministry**
Newcomers always welcome to monthly gatherings: Pub Theology, second Mondays, October 14 and November 11; Junk Food Breakfast Bar on Sundays after Worship, October 27 and November 24. Contact Rev. Anthony Livolsi (ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org).

**Worship**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**
11AM
October
November 2019
Dr. Michael Bos
Senior Minister preaching

**Faith: Think Broadly**
**OCTOBER 6**
World Communion Sunday

**The One**
**OCTOBER 13**
Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph. D.

**Sermon Series:**
*Gauging Your Life*
October 20 – November 3

**Gratitude Sunday**
**NOVEMBER 10**
Rev. Susan Sparks, preaching

**Sermon Series:**
*Recalculating*
November 17 & 24

**Gauging Your Life:**

**Depth**
**OCTOBER 20**

**Connection**
**OCTOBER 27**

**Impact**
**NOVEMBER 3**
All Saints Sunday

**Recalculating:**

**What We Have**
**NOVEMBER 17**

**Where We’re Going**
**NOVEMBER 24**
Christ The King Sunday

---

**#WEWO: WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:15PM**
Every Week, except October 30 & November 27

**FRIDAY JAZZ VESPERS, 6:15PM**
October 18 & November 22
For more details, to register, or for the full listing of all our programming, please visit MarbleChurch.org or stop by the Welcome Center after Worship.

### Calendar of Events

**Saturday, October 26**

**GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Intreat**
- **9:00am-3:00pm**
  - *A Journey to Adulthood*: Leslie Rawlings Slezak, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Rev. Anthony Livolsi help us change current patterns and live from the moment. This will be a day of self-discovery, worship, and fellowship. Leslie is in private practice. $25, includes light breakfast & lunch. Register at the GIFTS Table during Coffee Hour or at MarbleChurch.org.

**Sunday, October 30**

**Walk the Labyrinth**
- **4:30-5:30pm**, before the Hallowtide dinner & concert.

### FIRST SUNDAYS

**Walk the Labyrinth**
- **1:00-3:00pm**
  - Feed your spirit with this walking meditation. A facilitator will be available to help guide you and answer questions, while allowing you the space to walk in your own way, at your own pace. Please confirm schedule.

**SATURDAY, October 5**

**Apple Picking Trip**
- Thanks to everyone who signed up to join us on the Apple Picking Trip. Don’t forget to tag us in your photos of the day on social media, using #ApplePicking.

**MONDAYS, October 14 & November 11**

**Young Adults Pub Theology**
- **7:00pm**
  - Gather at a local bar to discuss ideas and issues with other young adults—a great way to meet people and grow in faith. Meets second Monday of each month. For details, contact Rev. Anthony Livolsi.

**THURSDAY, October 17**

**The Theatre Upstairs – downstairs @marble**
- **6:00pm**
  - The Arts Ministry invites all to *A Light in the Night*, an evening of monologues, short plays and staged readings, directed by Dale Robert McCausland. This is the inaugural event of “The Theatre Upstairs – downstairs @marble”, in the Chapel (1 W. 29th St. downstairs). There will be receptions before and after the event. Suggested donations: $20; $15 Seniors/Students.

**SUNDAYS, October 20 & November 17**

**GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Coffee Hours**
- **12:15pm**
  - In a series of monthly Coffee Hours this fall, members of our LGBTQ community tell of the struggles and joys of coming out and coming home to themselves. Meets in the Labyrinth Room (1 W. 29th St., downstairs).

**SATURDAY, October 26**

**GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Intreat**
- **9:00am-3:00pm**
  - *A Journey to Adulthood*: Leslie Rawlings Slezak, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Rev. Anthony Livolsi help us change current patterns and live from the moment. This will be a day of self-discovery, worship, and fellowship. Leslie is in private practice. $25, includes light breakfast & lunch. Register at the GIFTS Table during Coffee Hour or at MarbleChurch.org.

**SUNDAYS, October 27 & November 24**

**Monthly Brunch**
- **12:15pm**
  - Join us for this time of fellowship and good food, with live music. $12. No reservation needed. In the Marble Loft.

**Young Adults Junk Food Breakfast Bar**
- **12:30pm**
  - Get to know other young adults and eat all the sugary, junk foods of your childhood. Monthly. After Worship. Free.

**Sunday, November 3**

**Daylight Saving Time**
- Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you retire Saturday evening.

**Thursday, November 14**

**Women’s Film Night**
- **6:00-9:00pm**
  - In 2020, the U.S. will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. Gather in Marble’s Chapel to watch a film honoring suffragettes and their tireless, often painful struggle. Discussion follows. No charge but online RSVP requested.

  **Note**: The Calendar of Events schedule subject to change. Please call to confirm.
LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE
If you can’t be here in person, visit MarbleChurch.org or Facebook.
Sundays
10am — Bible Study
10:48am — Grace Notes: Inside the Music
11am — Worship
12:15pm — Talk Back
Wednesdays
6:15pm — #WeWo: Wednesday Worship

TV — Fridays @ 4:30pm, MNN Time Warner Ch. 57 (Manhattan)
Sermon Podcasts: Subscribe at MarbleChurch.org.

Marble Collegiate Church
1 West 29th Street (at Fifth Ave)
New York, New York 10001
212-686-2770

MARBLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Sunday, October 5 | 12:15pm
We will be hosting a Blessing of the Animals directly after 11:00am Worship, in front of the church on Fifth Avenue. The Sanctuary will be pet free, so if you are allergic or not a fan of our furry friends don’t be alarmed. All pet lovers are welcome to watch the service with their animals in the Labyrinth Room. If your pet doesn’t travel well, bring a photo to be blessed. If your child wants a special stuffed animal blessed, of course they are welcome too.

MARBLE STORYTIME
Give your inner child a treat! Listen to a new story every month at MarbleChurch.org. October: Maybe God Is Like That, Too; November: Giving Thanks.

FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ VESPERS
October 18 & November 22 | 6.15pm
Enter your weekend in a spirit of praise and renewal with a sacred jazz liturgy performed by an exceptional lineup of New York City musicians. October 18, message by Dr. Michael Bos, and November 22, by Dr. Elise Brown. Music led by Chris Whittaker and special guests. In the Marble Loft (next door, 274 5th Ave).

THE LAST WORD
Like water, be gentle and strong. Be gentle enough to follow the natural paths of the earth, and strong enough to rise up and reshape the world.
— Brenda Peterson

CLIMATE ACTION – WHAT YOU CAN DO
On September 22 we had the honor of hosting the Global Ecumenical Service for the UN Climate Action Summit. The care and future of our planet is in our hands and we all need to take action to find ways to reduce our impact and begin to heal our planet. Here are some small ways that came out of the Summit that we can all use to reduce our waste and move in the right direction:

Meat Free Meals — Well, they’re not just good for your body, they are good for the environment. Eating less meat can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from meat production according to the UN Climate Report.

Zero Waste Fashion — Our clothes have a huge impact on the climate, from the textile industry to our landfills. So today, let’s commit to vintage pieces, upcycling and don’t forget the joy of hand-me-downs! Let’s help each other look our best, the earth included!

Switch Off the Lights — Did you know that lighting accounts for 15% of global power consumption? Today, let’s turn off lights in rooms we aren’t using.

Shorter Showers — Who doesn’t love a long relaxing shower? But today, let’s make them a little shorter and save some water for tomorrow.

Shop Local — Shopping local is not only good for the environment, it’s great for the community! Swing by your local farmers market, bakery or mom & pop deli; you’ll be supporting your neighbors AND helping the earth. And who doesn’t like a two for one deal?

Bring Your Own Bag — Going to the farmers market, shopping with friends, back to school shopping? BYOB—Bring your own bag.

We invite you to pray for one another as we make changes in our lives that impact our communities and the world. For more ways to reduce your waste, please go to UN.org/en/actnow